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SUBJ: DEPUTY MINISTEROF COMMUNICATIONS MAY VISIT U.S.

- 1. DEPUTY MINISTER OMAR FAQIEH OF MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS IS INTERESTED IN HAVING A TEAM OR AN EXPERT ON FREQUENCY MONITORING AND CONTROL FROM THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION. IN DISCUSSING THIS, HE HAS LET US KNOW THAT HE IS CONSIDERING REQUESTING A MUCH BROADER PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO HIS MINISTRY, COMPARABLE TO THE PROGRAM IN STATISTICS OR IN AGRICULTURE.
- 2. COUNSELOR SUGGESTED THAT HE DISCUSS MAKING SUCH A REQUEST TO THE JOINT COMMISSION, WORKING THROUGH MINISTER ABA AL KHAYL HIMSELF OR THROUGH DR. SOLAIM. HE HAS TAKEN THIS UNDER ADVISEMENT AND IS LIKELY TO DO SO.
- 3. IT WAS ALSO SUGGESTED THAT HE MIGHT WISH TO HAVE A TEAM FROM THE MINISTRY VISIT THE U.S. TO DISCUSS THE SCOPE OF SUCH ASSISTANCE. HE THOUGHT THAT THIS WOULD BE AN EXCELLENT IDEA AND HE MIGHT LEAD SUCH A GROUP HIMSELF IF IT WENT.
- 4. REGARDING THE DOMESTIC SATELLITE, HE WAS INFORMED THAT A BRIEFING ON THE SUBJECT MIGHT BE GIVEN DURING THE FIRST LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MEETING OF THE U.S./SAUDI ECONOMIC COMMISSION. HE SAID THAT

THE MATTER WAS INDEED "QUITE HOT" AT THE MOMENT WITHIN THE GOVERNMENT AND HE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS IT DURING HIS VISIT IF IT OCCURS. DURING HIS VISIT HE WOULD GIVE HIS REACTION TO THE REPORT OF THE FIRST EXPERT ON TELECOMMUNICATIONS. PRIVATELY, HE SAID THAT IT DID NOT SEEM TO BE IN ANY GREAT DEPTH AND HE WOULD WANT TO DISCUSS THE GREATER NEEDS OF THE MINISTRY WITH CONCERNED AGENCIES IN WASHINGTON. AKINS

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